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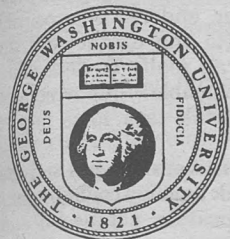
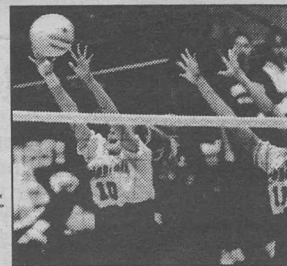
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## GW enters alliance to secure hospital

## OrNda merger gives hospital staff some sense of relief

BY JARED SHER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The University's proposed partnership with OrNda HealthCorp. brought a wave of relief to the besieged GW Hospital.

The alliance with the nation's third-largest for-profit hospital chain has already alleviated some fear in a facility that had been wrought with tension.

More than 250 employees have been laid off in the last two years of downsizing. While neither officials from GW nor OrNda would guarantee no further layoffs, the initial reaction to the deal was positive.

"People seem ... happier now," said one nurse who asked not to be identified. "They said there won't be a loss of jobs."

As recently as this summer, when 150 jobs were eliminated, hospital morale was extremely low. Workers constantly feared the next round of cuts. In addition, one of the proposals GW's Board of Trustees considered would have



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GW Vice President for Medical Affairs Allan Weingold (l.) and OrNda HealthCorp. Executive Vice President Keith Pitts (r.) announced a new joint operating agreement for the GW Hospital on Saturday.

closed much of the Foggy Bottom facility, resulting in a further loss of jobs.

In the deal announced Saturday, officials pledged to keep "substantially all" of the jobs in place. Employees are trying to keep an open mind and look to the future with optimism.

"I suspect that people are relieved in the sense that they do

have a job, which they weren't altogether sure of before," said clinical nurse Stephen Byrnes. "What people are focusing on now are the financial issues. Does this mean more or less money? Is this going to change the tuition remission program?"

The announcement did not put everyone's fears to rest. Some staff

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## OrNda pledges to keep facility operating in Foggy Bottom

BY JIM GERAGHTY  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

University officials ended months of speculation about the future of the GW Hospital Saturday when they announced that GW entered a partnership with OrNda HealthCorp., a for-profit private corporation, in a joint-ownership plan for the hospital.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg called the alliance "very good news about the future of the GW Hospital" and "a giant step toward assuring that modern clinical facilities will remain in Foggy Bottom."

OrNda is the third-largest investor-owned hospital management company. It will own 80 percent of the hospital, and GW will own 20 percent.

The University and OrNda will have equal board representation, and GW will hold "reserve powers intended to assure GW's stewardship of the academic mission of the clinical site," according to a University statement.

A posted announcement distrib-

uted in the hospital stated, "substantially all hospital employees will be retained, with salaries and benefits consistent with the local market." The GW Hospital employs about 1,300 doctors, nurses and other staff.

"No. 1, you never know what your employee pool is going to be," said Allan Weingold, vice president for medical affairs.

"(OrNda's) commitment is to take the group we have now and stay with them ... No academic center can stand alone in the current marketplace."

OrNda HealthCorp., headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., operates 51 hospitals and related facilities located in 15 states, primarily in southern California, southern Florida and Phoenix, Ariz. It totaled \$1.8 billion in total revenues in 1995.

On Oct. 17, OrNda HealthCorp. entered a merger with Tenet Healthcare Corp., creating a company that will have revenues of approximately \$8.1 billion and operate 126 acute care hospitals in 22 states, principally through the Sunbelt.

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## Koestner urges campus awareness of date rape

BY AMY S. MAIO  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Had her life gone according to plan, 24-year-old Katie Koestner said she would now be a second-year graduate student, working toward a chemical engineering degree.

Instead, she made a Home Box Office movie, *No Visible Bruises: The Katie Koestner Story*, was on the June 3, 1991 cover of *Time* magazine and speaks to thousands of high school and college students. That's the path Koestner's life took after she was raped her freshman year at the College of William and Mary, she told a standing-room-only crowd Thursday night in Fonger Hall room 103.

Koestner's appearance marked the first Issues Awareness Night, a forum designed by Student Association undergraduate Sen. Adam Siple (CSAS) that will address social issues facing college students. He said although date rape is considered "controversial," it is an important subject that needs to be discussed.

Since 1990, Koestner has appeared on various talk shows and local news programs in an attempt to increase public awareness of date rape. She also helps campuses nationwide formulate programs to assist survivors of rape and sexual assault.

Koestner said her attacker, "Peter," seemed like "Prince Charming." Their first date was dinner at a French restaurant - Peter in a three-piece suit, Koestner in her 10th grade homecoming dress. After dinner, Koestner suggested they go to her room to talk and dance.

"I'm sure none of you are surprised that he agreed to come to my room," Koestner said.

After the third song, Koestner said Peter attempted to unbutton her dress. She nervously made a joke and gently pushed him away. Peter walked to the opposite side of the room, and in the mirror Koestner watched as he removed "almost everything except his tie, socks and boxers."

"Maybe now some of you are thinking I'm quite naïve," Koestner



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Katie Koestner

said. She agreed, if naïve meant believing "you could like a guy and invite him to your room and not have sex."

Koestner said she and Peter wound up on the floor, where he began to kiss her while he pinned her arms behind her head. Feeling trapped, she began to list a half-dozen reasons why she didn't want to have sex, but "every single time I thought I was being more clear he kept getting more angry," Koestner said.

Frustrated, Peter went to

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## Students get an extra day off at Thanksgiving

BY BECKY NEILSON  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW students and faculty will have an extra day off during Thanksgiving break this year, thanks to a recent decision of the University's calendar committee.

The committee canceled classes on the day before Thanksgiving for the first time in recent memory.

According to Donna Scarboro, GW's director of summer sessions and chair of the calendar committee, Wednesday was a holiday at one point, but was dropped from the calendar when Columbus Day was added five or six years ago.

At that time, students and faculty complained that the fall semester was too rushed, and the Student Association's vice president for academic affairs went to the Faculty Senate to request that students be given Columbus Day off.

The Senate agreed, but removed the Wednesday holiday

to ensure that no extra classes were lost.

This year the Wednesday holiday was reintroduced into the schedule because there was an extra Wednesday in the semester, Scarboro said.

"It was a practical decision, and will be made year by year," she said. "We make an effort to arrange the schedule so that we don't lose any class meetings."

One concern about the plan is that students will skip classes on Tuesday, and even Monday, in order to prolong the November break.

"This plan will succeed as long as students don't take advantage of it," said Faculty Senate member William Griffith. "Students will have to act responsibly."

"We can't build into the calendar for people who are going to cut corners," Scarboro said. "Our job is to produce a calendar that meets the requirements of the faculty senate, addresses student concerns and generally meets the needs of all of our constituencies."



# Is the high drinking age really a Boone's to society?

When you were young, it was always a good thing when people thought you looked older than your age. Especially bouncers. When your fake ID said you were 25, and you were actually 18, it always helped if you could sport a little stubble, or find some other inroad toward appearing the age necessary to get into the bar.

Ah, yes, over the course of late high-school and early college we have all become criminals. Anybody who ever put a bottle of Boone's "wine" to his lips, funneled weekenders of Schaeffers (jingle:

"Schaeffers is the one beer to have when you're having more than one." Translation: "It's cheap."), or even dipped a cup into the grain alcohol punch at the frat party before their 21st birthday, has broken the law.

And, more seriously (but hardly less commonly), if you have ever falsified your identification to get into a bar or to buy beer at the local liquor store, you might have committed a felony.

This shouldn't be news to anybody. But that doesn't make it any less of an outrage. If you lived in

Europe and falsified your ID, they would haul you away (not to men-



**Erik Schelzig**

tion Singapore – the land of illegal chewing gum – where they have been known to beat the living crap out of people for far lesser crimes).

But back here in the good old U.S. of A, being busted for a fake ID warrants little more than a slap on the wrist: possible confiscation of the card, maybe a visit to GW's alcohol education class, but usually just a snicker from the bouncer before being sent on your way to an easier carding bar.

What results is a big showdown between your adversary (the carder), knowing you aren't 21, and you, knowing the carder knows. Who will blink first? Will you get the beer or will you get the boot? These are the games we play. What a waste of time, effort and highly sophisticated fake ID making machinery.

The high and mighty drinking age of 21 in the United States (the highest such restriction in the world) sets lofty goals, but can't possibly enforce them. What results is routine violations of the law on the part of minors and a trend toward overall disregard for the law in general. (Of course, in all other laws, you cease being a minor when you are 18. When it comes to alcohol, your minor status is extended an extra three years.)

The whole point of a high drinking age in this country is to undermine drunk driving among a highly vulnerable portion of the population. Suspect though this philosophy is (it is unlikely that if 35-year-olds were statistically determined to be unreliable drivers that their drinking rights would be revoked), it is understandable that areas where people drive would be targeted for enforcement. Instead, GW has joined forces with D.C. law

enforcement to harass area bars that are frequented by students.

These are the same students mind you, who generally have walked (no, not driven) to the bar and will probably be walking or cabbage it home. Now, nobody here would ever endorse irresponsible drinking (to the extent that any drinking can really be determined to be responsible), but what does this anti-drink task force hope to achieve?

In a university setting, one would think a policy could be one of alcohol education, not alcohol elimination (some people tried to do that once. It was called prohibition. It didn't work). In Germany, where the drinking age for soft-alcohol (i.e. nothing with the word "Schnapps" on it) is 16, alcohol consumption – while still a large part of German life – doesn't carry with it the sort of tortured hypocrisy that it does stateside.

Now I know that in the past, whenever I brought up these thoughts about the drinking age, people would scoff at me and argue that I was only bitter because I wasn't 21 yet. Well guess what: The kid has been 21 now for almost a year and his views haven't changed one bit.

Now when I argue about the drinking age, people ask my why I care about something that doesn't apply to me. So when is the right time to argue for drinking age reform? I think both sides should sit down and discuss the issue rationally and thoroughly. Preferably over a couple of cans of Schaeffers.

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## GW AIDS researcher at forefront of field

BY MATT KATZ  
HATCHET REPORTER

The man named *Science* magazine's highest-impacting AIDS researcher, GW professor Dr. Jan Orenstein, sits in a clutter of papers, books and house plants in his 5th floor Ross Hall office.

Orenstein, a professor of pathology, has conducted AIDS research since 1982, tracking the disease from its first known appearances in the United States.

With assistance from the electron microscope, Orenstein has looked at how the virus grows, develops and infects.

"The thing about AIDS that's important to realize is it effects every part of medicine," Orenstein said. "It's really been an extraordinary educational and research opportunity for people. The results have been very helpful to patients with HIV disease."

Researchers gleaned about 10 percent of their knowledge of general medicine solely because of their work with AIDS, Orenstein said.

There is a cure for AIDS, and that is prevention, Orenstein said, citing the importance of sex education, condom use and distribution of clean needles to drug users.

"We have really had problems with that in this country, more than in any other country," he said.

Orenstein said he is not entire-

ly optimistic about exterminating the disease once people have it. "Curing it, removing a virus from the person, theoretically is possible. I don't think anybody believes that it's going to happen. (The virus) gets into the nuclei of your cells and becomes part of your DNA, your genetic material," Orenstein said.

"It's more likely what's going to happen is (we're going to) keep the virus from spreading to people," Orenstein explained.

"The advances that have been made from AIDS research have really revolutionized all other research," he added. "It's been an enormous education and an enormous trip."

Orenstein has done extensive research on opportunistic infections and the medical problems in patients that result from a breakdown of the immune system. Research on these infections has helped doctors in all fields of medicine understand medical conditions they were unaware of.

"Dr. Orenstein is one of the most dedicated and basically good men I've ever met. I'm so privileged to work with him," said GW senior An Nguyen, Orenstein's lab assistant. "The more you get to know him, you realize he truly cares about people. Rankings and citations mean less to him than knowing he's increasing knowledge about this horrible disease."

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# THE GW HATCHET

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## Observe this

Q: What Wizard of Oz character is writing for the Foggy Bottom News?  
A: The Cowardly Lying.

In recent years, the University has been working overtime to coordinate efforts to get its neighbors to like it. From the neighborhood cleanup, to clearing away homeless people, to historic tours, to the tireless efforts of Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar and other Student Association members, GW has tried and tried to soothe town-gown relations.

Then, in the latest issue of the Foggy Bottom News, some cranky local resident calling himself or herself "The Observer" takes students to task for every problem plaguing the neighborhood: from cigarette butts, to trash on the streets, to people stealing Safeway carts, to lack of recycling.

This resident is audacious enough to write, "It is up to Mr. Trachtenberg to herd the students into their own area with their own peers, where they can wallow in their own squalor without interference from any of us." However, this resident is too cowardly to use his or her own name.

The nutty Observer also recommends triple taxes on property owned by those who rent to students. The author promotes conspiracy theories that are too unbelievable for "The X-Files," like one saying the University is buying up homes under an assumed name. We at The Hatchet would love to know what other experiments the aliens did to him or her when they he or she was abducted.

On top of threatening a class action lawsuit, the writer states, "It is not discrimination to disallow students in our four-square blocks of historic designated homes." The Observer should observe the 14th Amendment to the Constitution (you know, the part about equal treatment under the law).

Ellie Becker, president of the Foggy Bottom Association and editor of the Foggy Bottom News, has a better sense of the world around her. "We in Foggy Bottom should realize (the students) are here to stay, and recognize the good things they do," she wrote. Thankfully, there are still a few rational voices in Foggy Bottom.

## No OrdiNary deal

After what GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg called "a thorough, careful, and indeed, exhausting search for alternatives," the GW Hospital has now finished its search and is now "engaged" to OrNda HealthCorp.

Under the proposed agreement approved Friday by the GW Board of Trustees, GW and OrNda will each be investors in the hospital under an 80-20 partnership. A board of equal representation from GW and OrNda will make all major decisions concerning the operation of the hospital. GW Hospital will continue to be a primary training site for current and future generations of medical students.

It appears the community is greeting this news with cautious optimism. The two sides need another 60 to 90 days to work out the details, but it appears both sides will benefit.

The GW Hospital is no longer a financial drain on the University, and rumors of its imminent demise have been greatly exaggerated. OrNda gets a new flagship hospital, and while it has little experience with teaching hospitals, the company it's merging with, Tenet, has worked with several universities, including Louisiana State University and the University of Southern California.

Everyone is still waiting for the other shoe to drop. But so far, it looks like a bright future is in store for the GW Hospital, a change from the morose anxiety it has experienced for the past few years.

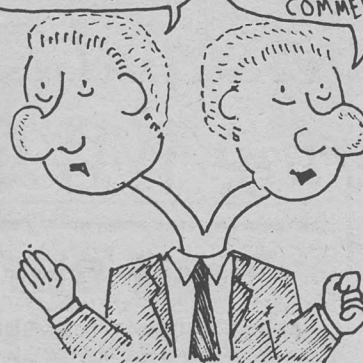
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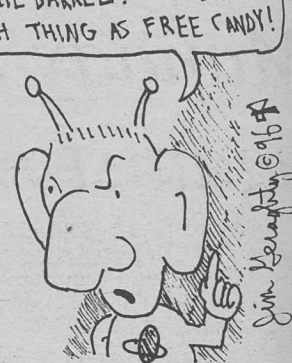
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## Freshman not the 'sorority type,' but she's cool with those who are

Nowadays, upon walking into J Street, I feel as though I am swimming through a sea of fraternity boys and sorority sisters. With their cute T-shirts and little pins, I see them enjoy each other's company. They seem happier than the other GW students, or at least perkier. I think to myself, "Am I missing something?"

Rumor has it that only 20 percent of GW students "go Greek." However, upon walking around campus, one feels as though everyone and their mother is pledging this year. Those statistics, by the way, are based on my own careful calculation of the multitude of people wearing Greek-letter paraphernalia (pins, T-shirts, caps). I saw one guy wearing a frat T-shirt, pin and cap. I thought perhaps he was a model for the home-shopping network.

I came to college with the impression that fraternities were composed of people who had toga parties, wore sheets and provided everyone with free beer. Sororities were just there, and they usually dated preppy frat boys. Of course, numerous people warned me about frat boys. After all, they take advantage of any breathing female, or so I was told. Most importantly, everyone told me that I definitely was not the "sorority type," whatever that means. In any event, I was sure they were correct, based on the stories I was being told.

When rush week began here, I was waiting to hear about crazy fraternity hazing rituals involving beer games and toilet paper. I imagined the sorority girls singing songs about sisterhood while giving each other make-overs.

Instead, however, I have noticed fraternity pledges in ties and button-downs, spending their even-

### Francesca Di Meglio

ings in the library. As for the sorority sisters, I have really only heard about them baking brownies and, thankfully, they have not sung any stupid songs about being good little women.

Honestly, I do not think I am missing much by not going the Greek route, nor do I want to pledge. However, I have a newfound understanding for the Greek-letter community.

With this essay, I hope I have begun to break down the barriers between pledges and non-pledges. For years, society has oppressed the frat boys and the sorority sisters by regarding them as spoiled brats who drink themselves into oblivion and think they are better than everyone else. No longer will I allow a pin with Greek letters on it to cloud my judgment. I will judge the individual wearing the pin after thoroughly getting to know him or her instead. After all, we should be thanking the fraternities, since they are the ones who made GW the No. 2 party school in the country, right?

—Francesca Di Meglio is a freshman who plans to major in journalism.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### We don't need MVC

So, GW has found it in its heart to invest in the small, unheard-of Mount Vernon College. That's nice. GW's financial aid department just increased my tuition by about 150 percent. That's nice. I personally know of three students who either couldn't come back to GW or are having serious financial difficulties because of financial aid cuts. That's nice. It's good to know GW has its priorities all straightened out.

Hello?

My family is busting its collective butt to get me through this school, and I can't get a cent from GW. Meanwhile, miraculously, this same school can find all this money just lying around "from investments" to give to some school no one has ever heard of, while trying to pull reasons out of the air (and other unmentionable places) why GW's students should be happy about it. Like we are going to go to their classes — yeah, right.

When every qualified, hard-working student with a hard-working family behind them is given the money they need and deserve to come to this school, then President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and the Board of Trustees can go out and buy Air Force One as far as I am concerned. But until then, let's keep our eyes on what's important, please.

—Laura M. Nodelman  
sophomore

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# OPINION

## Monday marks Hellenic stand against Axis forces during WWII

Every year, Oct. 28 is a special date for the Hellenic students of GW, the Hellenic community in Washington, D.C., and Greeks all around the world.

It is the anniversary of the day in 1940 when Greece refused to accept Benito Mussolini's ultimatum for complete surrender. At the outset of World War II, a small and proud country with a long and turbulent history decided to stand against the Rome-Berlin Axis. This came as a surprise to Europe and to the rest of the world, and played an influential role on Adolf Hitler's initial plans. They had to be readjusted to account for the new circumstances Greece created in the Balkans.

Let's go back 56 years for a second. The major European powers of the time were more concerned with their domestic economies than with the growing and threatening strength of Hitler's Germany. Foreign policies focused on appeasing Germany, and the Munich agreement in 1938 served as the most prominent example of these policies. Soon, Hitler made his true intentions clear and allied with Mussolini's fascist Italy.

In October of 1940, Mussolini's troops, meeting no resistance in taking Albania, issued an ultimatum to Ioannis Metaxas's government in Greece to surrender. Metaxas's response is one word — "No." War began between Greece and Italy. To the surprise of Mussolini, his military faced severe defeats and was forced to withdraw into the core of Albania, far from the Hellenic border. These unsuccessful attacks by Italy created an unexpected problem for Hitler in the Balkans, who eventually committed to

invade Greece with his own troops in April of 1941.

The Nazi troops ultimately defeated the emancipated Greek army, but the Nazis were forced to deal with a strong internal resistance, especially in the occupation of the island of Crete. Consequently, the Nazis prolonged their stay in Greece, and Hitler ended up wasting precious time during the summer of 1941. This time came at the expense of

### Miltos Beradlis

preparations for Operation Barbarossa, Nazi Germany's attack on the Soviet Union. Many secret anti-Nazi organizations were created within Greece, and the Nazi network was sabotaged repeatedly. In Thessaloniki, where approximately 50,000 Greek Jews were living, almost 20,000 women and children escaped deportation to Germany with help from the Greek population.

The consequences of Greece's successful resistance against the military forces of Italy and Germany were enormous. At a time when the Roman-Berlin Axis seemed to be almost invulnerable, Mussolini's defeat at the Greek-Albanian border was the first military victory of any country against the Axis. It was a victory that shattered the Nazis' image of invulnerability, spoiled Hitler's confidence in Italy's effectiveness and encouraged other countries to look upon the future with more optimism. It is noteworthy to mention Winston Churchill's statement when he was informed of the Greek victory

over the Italian army: "From now on we will not say that the Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like the Greeks."

At a time when Greece was recovering from World War I and was a small agricultural country with a relatively weak economy, Metaxas did not hesitate to engage in war with the powerful military forces of the Axis. Although this decision was risky, Greece, unlike other countries in the Balkan region, did not remain neutral, and the Greek army and navy continued to fight the Axis, even after Hitler's forces left Greece. El Alamein, Tombuk and Normandy were among the most important battles in which the Hellenic army fought alongside its allies. Only a few years after World War II, the Greek army supported the United States in Korea. More recently, Hellenic military forces supported the fight against Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

Today, Greece's decision to fight against the Axis forces is also of significance to America. Greece has always been a democratic country and a reliable ally. It fought alongside the United States in order to restore and to promote common goals for democracy and peace whenever necessary. As history has shown, Greece has always been committed to these goals without hesitating to face the costs incurred. Greece is a member of the European Union and NATO, and remains the most trustworthy ally to the United States and to the rest of the world in a turbulent region such as the Balkans.

—Miltos Beradlis, a sophomore, is writing on behalf of the GW Kosmos Hellenic Club.

## Mitchell's bad enough without locked toilets

It's the same old story. You ask almost anyone, "Which is the worst dorm to live in on campus?" Almost without fail you will get the same answer — Mitchell Hall.

I never believed anyone when they said that, because I always thought, "How bad could it be?" Well now that I am living there, I can actually vouch for everyone that living in Mitchell is hell.

One of the biggest fears that people have about living in Mitchell is having to deal with community bathrooms. Since I got screwed by the housing lottery system, I decided

to go ahead and sign the residence hall lease that got me a room in Mitchell. I can tell you that was a mistake. I should have read the fine print. You see, you only get to use the bathroom if your key will open it.

On Thursday, Oct. 17, the bathroom for the men on the sixth floor was out of order, because the lock was not working properly. I called someone on the hall staff, and they calmly told me, "We already know about the problem, but nothing can be done till the morning, so just use another bathroom on another floor." So I ran down to the fifth floor, only to find that the door was locked, and my sixth floor key would not work. I finally found an open bathroom on the third floor. I remember thinking it was ridiculous, but it wasn't that bad if they were going to fix it the next morning.

As usual, if you want to get anything done on time at GW, you have to either do it yourself or pray for a miracle. My prayer was not answered, and the next morning the lock was still not fixed. I called the front office, and a staff member told me, "Oh, well, I called it in as an emergency. But I don't know when it will be fixed." So I thought OK, no big deal, figuring that by the evening it would be all taken care of. But I came back at 5:30 p.m. to find nothing had been done, and of course the resident director was out of town until Monday.

### Miraj Savla

What I find the most ironic is that this happened right near Family Weekend, when the University is supposed to be on its best behavior. Well I guess prospective students and current students' families should find out what real GW residential life is like. I hope they see these problems and start to question — where does all our money for tuition and room and board go?

I hope that in the future both the Mitchell Hall staff and the maintenance staff will react quicker to students' problems. I hope no future residents have to go through what the male residents of the sixth floor had to go through for a weekend. After all, using your own floor's bathroom should be a right of every resident of Mitchell Hall, right?

—Miraj Savla is a sophomore majoring in business administration.

## 'Rock the Vote' effort just a Democrat sham

The other day, as I left the Marvin Center, a booth caught my attention. The booth appeared to be there as a vehicle for students to register to vote. But apparently, the two students who stood there were not there to look for all voters. In fact, under the erroneous guise of a Rock The Vote drive, two young Democrats were scanning the crowd in search of gullible young people who may be coaxed into voting Clinton/Gore on Nov. 5.

Under closer examination, I observed in the background of the students' table a number of Clinton/Gore bumper stickers and the dangerously misleading and infuriating words of the "Students Vote Clinton/Gore" posters. This pair was searching the crowd for those yet unregistered not so they could do their duties as Americans and vote — but so they could vote Democrat, and nothing but Democrat. Their theory: Young people should vote. And all young people should vote Democrat.

As I came closer to these scam artists' setup, the red, white and

blue elephant pin positioned on my lapel apparently came into their view. "Ew!" they exclaimed. "Go away!" In other words, since I was obviously a Republican, I could not be granted the American opportunity to vote.

When I, as a regular citizen, informed her that voting Democrat was easier than working, she retorted, "Vote Republican — It's easier than thinking." Is this what she tells young people when they come up to her booth seeking information about voting?

Whether this scam was a concoction of the College Democrats or not I don't know. I do know this is yet another pathetic, lurid tactic of the Dems to scare people, especially young people, into voting lefty.

My two hecklers would probably be dismayed to discover that I already sent in my absentee ballot for the elections. Yes, straight down the ticket Republican. God bless America.

—Matt Katz is a freshman who plans to major in political communication.

### Matt Katz

## MORE LETTERS

### Education is natural

The Natural Law Party, in addition to being the party of sustainable agriculture and the party of meditation, also fashions itself as the party of education. We believe that education is the best, most proven method of eliminating the root causes of most of our nation's problems. In that sense, we wish to do everything possible to harness the unlimited potential of all our citizens.

What the College Democrats and College Republicans never acknowledged in their articles ("In spite of rising tuition, Clinton will make college possible for all" and "Dole will take red tape out of education," The GW Hatchet, Oct. 24, p. 5) was education itself. The CDs focused on funding, the CRs on control. Having all the funding and local control in the world will not address the key issue of improving educational outcomes. We have increased spending on the most decentralized education system in the world over the past

decade, and yet our test scores compared to Japan's and Europe's are pathetic.

What the Natural Law Party proposes is a redefined federal role. Upgrade the present Department of Education to a "Department of Educational Excellence." Instead of using DoE as another regulatory micromanager, use the resources of our national government to fund and promote development of charter schools, which would test and develop new innovations in education. Then make the results of these programs known to local community schools, so they could select the programs that work best for them. In this sense, the federal government would assume a role of research, development and leadership in education.

Of course, both major parties raise good points. The Natural Law Party supports the present student loan and Pell grant programs. We also support the Republican concept of vouchers to foster greater competition in our educational system.

But even the major parties have their limits on ideas. The President supports curfews and uniforms. We support a longer school year and more required subjects for graduation. Dole wants to stop the drug trade. We want to stop drug demand through proven educational initiatives, like meditation. Last year, the two parties argued over spending levels for school lunches. The Natural Law Party wants to increase the nutritional value of these lunches, starting with the repeal of the 1985 school lunch program amendments which, among other things, defined ketchup as a vegetable.

We know what the problem is. And in most cases, we know the simple, common-sense solution. But at the present, only the Natural Law Party is willing to bring together all of the credible ideas under one unified banner of hope. And for that reason alone, we ask for your support on Nov. 5.

—Sean Oliva  
freshman



# Freshmen trying to keep afloat with less skills

Study showing students lack strong work habits after high school puzzles administrators

BY JOANNA MARKELL  
HATCHET REPORTER

If your midterm results aren't meeting expectations, you might not be alone.

According to a survey distributed

during Colonial Inauguration this summer, more than half of GW's incoming freshmen said they needed special help developing better study skills and habits. Improving test taking skills and mathematical competency were other areas of concern. In addition, more than one-third

of first year students said they needed help with writing, reading and improving their ability to speak in class. The survey, conducted annually by the Office of Enrollment Management, is used to determine incoming students' study habits, concerns and future aspirations.

"College can be a very intimidating experience," said Bob Wilson, assistant director of the University Counseling Center. "Some students come prepared. They have learned the basics in high school. For others, it doesn't catch up to them until after the first semester."

Such problems usually only get worse, according to data collected in the past from GW freshmen. By the end of their first semester, more than two-thirds of new students will probably need help with study skills and test taking, while more than half will need help with writing, math and speaking in class.

The results of this survey are not isolated to GW, according to Cheryl Beil, the director of enrollment research and retention in the Office of Enrollment Management, who headed the study.

A nationwide study of 324,000 freshmen who entered college in the fall of 1995 conducted by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program showed new students are increasingly disengaged from their academic experience.

While University administrators say they are generally concerned about such statistics, they emphasize that response mechanisms are in place. Freshman advising workshops and peer tutors are two such answers to academic difficulty.

In addition, the Academic Success Series, a program established four years ago by the University Counseling Center, was set up specifically to help students develop good study habits, Wilson said. Sessions are held year round at the Counseling Center and in Thurston Hall and cover topics such as organizing time, taking better

notes and preparing for tests.

Yet the root of the problem continues to plague administrators. With average SAT scores over 1200 and 42 percent of students graduating in the top tenth of their high school class, this year's freshmen are some of the highest qualified ever.

"I think it's surprising because we keep admitting better classes and the quality of our students is increasing," Beil said. "Intuitively it doesn't make sense. If you're getting better students, and students are doing better in high school, then why are students saying they need help?"

One answer that Beil provided is that the figures are part of the overall national trend, but students said the problems may be more complex.

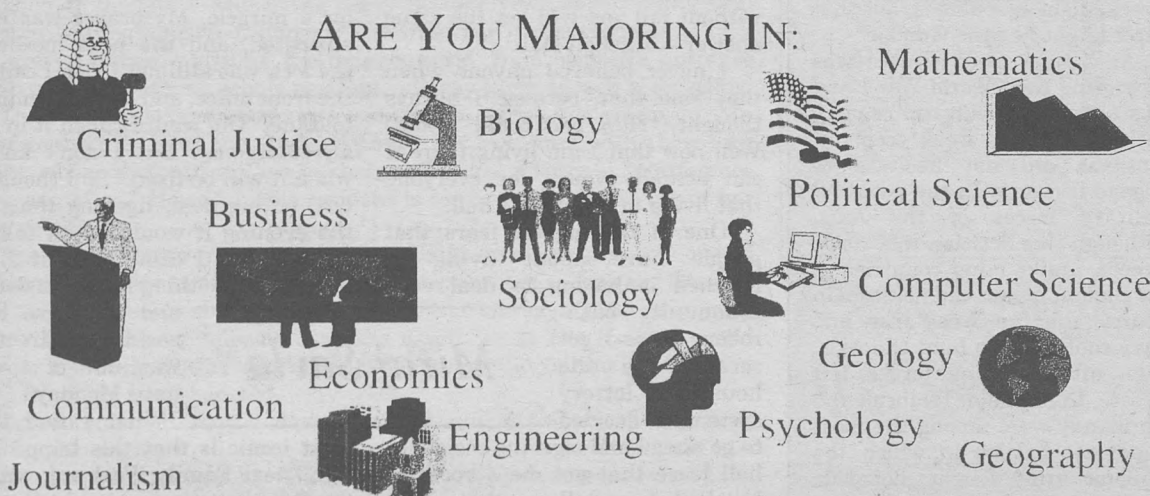
"It's more about trying to space your time between social time and studying," freshman John Linsao said. "I was really unprepared. They should have review classes for some of the harder classes."

Other findings included the fact that new students at GW study, on average, 15.8 hours per week. The number goes against the thinking of many faculty experts who assume that students, especially freshmen, study at least 30 hours a week. Beil attributed the discrepancy to the fact that GW students are more likely to have internships and co-ops.

Some GW freshmen responded that the solution depends on the individual.

"I knew I had to grow up — it's not high school. College is a lot higher," freshman Jodi Wiggins said. "There's nothing the University can do. A person has to be ready themselves."

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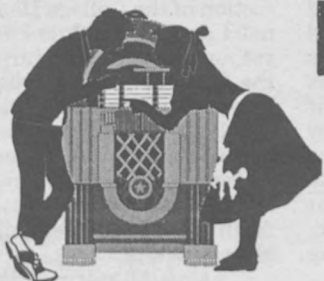
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# Rabin's life, legacy remembered at GW

BY T. EDDIE SISK  
HATCHET REPORTER

Students gathered to remember slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at dusk Thursday, nearly a year after the Middle East leader was assassinated.

The memorial, held on the H Street terrace of the Marvin Center and sponsored by the Student Alliance for Israel, began at 6 p.m. with a documentary on the minutes before the assassination of Rabin at a peace rally in Tel Aviv on Nov. 4, 1995.

A candlelight ceremony followed, composed of a series of speakers reading eulogies to Rabin or relating their personal feelings about his death.

Keynote speaker Professor Warren Greenberg, who was at the rally in Tel Aviv on the day of the assassination, painted a picture of the rally and the hopefulness of the peace supporters.

"All had come that day, from 80-year-old grandmothers to 20-year-olds to the littlest babies," he said. "It was a wonderful day."

Greenberg described the reaction of shocked Israelis. "I had a friend who had gone to bed early that night who fainted dead away when he saw

the headline the following morning, 'Yitzhak Rabin Murdered.'"

"At the rally I asked a woman in the crowd, 'The foreign minister and the prime minister on the same stage, and no bulletproof glass?' She replied, 'This is Israel. This is Israel.'"

Greenberg's speech was followed by the reading of Jordan's King Hussein's eulogy to Rabin, and a second eulogy from Etian Haber, a close friend of Rabin's and a member of his staff.

GW student David Sloan related his feelings and observations of those around him when he heard of Rabin's death, asking, "Has anything really changed in a year? Have we really learned the lesson of Rabin's life?"

"The sooner we can break down these paper walls that separate us, when we can argue only as brothers, fight only as family, then we will have learned our lesson, then we can realize peace. That we can do here, that can begin with us, here we can start the revolution, and realize the dream of the man we are here to remember," Sloan said.

The memorial ended with a mourners' Kaddish, a Hebrew prayer said in memory someone who has died.

## Schwartz, Brazil look for votes in West End

BY SHANNON JOYCE  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Carol Schwartz and Harold Brazil, two candidates for the vacant at-large District Council seat, discussed their proposed futures for the city and their ideas for solving the District's many problems in front of the West End Association Saturday.

"I love our city and I can't stand to see what's happening to it," Schwartz said. After an eight-year absence, she hopes to win the Council seat she left when her husband died.

After her failed run for the mayor's office two years ago, Schwartz said she decided the City Council would be "the second best way to help our city."

She cited the District's "bloated budgets" as the main reason for its woes. She said the government approves "whatever is there. It's a lazy way of doing the budget."

"It's never based on our priori-

ties," Schwartz said.

She said she hopes to make sure the services the voters pay for are delivered and that voter priorities are well-funded, she explained.

"I am not rhetoric-ridden," Schwartz said, while encouraging the audience to examine her public service record and her Council voting record, where she repeatedly voted against the city's budget.

Harold Brazil, councilman for Ward 6, said during his six years on the council he has been the "lone voice for fiscal responsibility." He has consistently voted against the budget and even sponsored his own budget for 1994, he said.

He focused on his efforts to enact a curfew, a mandatory life sentence for premeditated murder and management reform within government offices.

Brazil also criticized the selection of members of special councils and commissions such as the zoning boards.

## RHA sends two students packing to Boston

The Residence Hall Association gave away a trip to Boston at the Suitcase Party Thursday night. The trip included a pair of plane tickets to Logan airport, two nights at the four star Ramada Inn, \$200 spending money and a disposable camera.

Junior international affairs major Denise Baca had the winning ticket. Senior Josh Savage, an accounting major, accompanied her to Boston this weekend. Savage, who is from Massachusetts, said he was looking forward to showing New Mexico-native Baca around Quincy Market, Old North

Church and the Hancock building.

Baca said she couldn't wait to "walk around, have fun and spend money."

The winners were selected from a raffle drawing. Tickets were 50 cents each, but quantity did not necessarily mean a winning ticket. One student bought 40 raffle tickets and did not win anything.

Sophomore Eli Cohen bought one ticket and won the video *Tin Cup*. "I bought a ticket because, hey, it was only 50 cents," Cohen said.

-Heather Hare

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# impressions

## Cindy Crawford shows her Basic Face in Washington

BY HEATHER HARE  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Cindy Crawford returned to Planet Hollywood last Tuesday, but this time it was for her debut, not the restaurant's. Crawford has written her first book, *The Basic Face* (Broadway Books), a book on how to apply makeup professionally.

The book contains "all the best tips I've learned," Crawford said. She dedicated it "to the beauty in every woman."

Crawford said the tips are for regular women, and they won't take more than five minutes to follow. She said she believes if makeup application takes more than five minutes, it must have been done wrong.

Crawford went running by the canal last Tuesday morning. She said no one recognized her as she trotted by fellow joggers.

As for the hundreds who showed up to see her at Planet Hollywood, they certainly recognized her. Abandoning meals and jumping up on chairs, the crowd was delighted to see Crawford for the five minutes she came out of the back to talk.

Dynamic in black leather bell-bottoms and two-and-a-half inch heels, Crawford posed for photographs and signed books for winners of a local radio station contest.

Sadly, the few questions Crawford did answer weren't about Val Kilmer or Richard Gere. They didn't address her future as a movie actress or as a model. She did say that "one (book) right now is all I can handle," when asked if she was going to write any more books.

Crawford said she thought about filming a makeup video, but



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

Cindy Crawford spent five minutes talking about her five-minute makeup application procedure at Planet Hollywood Oct. 22.

decided people don't do their makeup in front of the TV, so a book would be more appropriate. After she was hospitalized last January upon returning from Africa with "some sort of bug," Crawford took time off from modeling and wrote *The Basic Face*, with her makeup artist friend Sonia Kashuk.

The silver-metallic shrink-wrapped book is quite detailed. Crawford has included many photos and diagrams along with easily read text. Its aim is to boost confidence while teaching women the right way to make themselves more beautiful. She has even included a tear-out shopping guide to help readers stop impulse shopping.

After being asked the obligatory

question, "What now, Cindy?" Crawford said she would like to take her family to St. Martin's for her mother's 50th birthday.

Crawford complained about the fact that the politically active women of Washington have to be conservative in their dress. She said they have to wear their skirts "one-point-two inches above their knees." She said the First Lady can't wear leather pants, but she thinks she should have fun. Crawford had no fashion complaints about Hillary Clinton or Elizabeth Dole. She said they "always look great."

That may be a matter of opinion, but just one more question, Ms. 30-year-old Supermodel, "Will your book make me look like you?"

## Guitar not-so-greats play and play at Capitol Ballroom

BY MATT STUMPF  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

One word: overkill. If 1980s hard rock and roll guitar isn't dead yet, it was beat into the ground Thursday night at the Capitol Ballroom.

Three of the world's most influential guitar players in long hair and leather pants provided an endless earache of boring and meaningless playing and playing and playing.

Dubbed "G3," it was a showcase of legends, featuring guitarists Steve Vai, Eric Johnson and Joe Satriani. Unfortunately, the best guitar moments were those overheard on the public address system between sets: Jimi Hendrix's "Crosstown Traffic" and "Manic Depression," reminiscent of the days when a guitar player could actually write a song. Vai, Johnson and Satriani proved they cannot do that, relying instead on endless jamming and guitar tricks to wow the audience with their technical skills, but not with their sense of musicality or taste.

It was the excess of the '80s at its high point, a culmination of lights and decibels and lack of meaning to produce 128th-note runs, but little depth musically. In the end, they didn't lack energy or ability, they just weren't worthy of legendary status. They each seemed to go on an interminable cycle of notes and notes and notes.

Vai led off with air raid sirens, bringing the crowd to its feet. With lights spinning across the room, he began with "There's a Fire in the House," from his latest album, *Fire Garden* (Epic), and continued with energetic solo after energetic solo. After 15 minutes, the crowd seemed to lose its intensity, leaving many disinterested with his musical finger games. He seemed at once technically amazing and amazingly boring, and he proved ultimately disappointing.

Johnson followed with a more diverse play list, adding blues to his set with odes to B.B. King and the late Stevie Ray Vaughan, for whom he wrote "S.R.V.," a track on his newly released *Venus Isle* (Capitol), the follow-up to 1990's *Ah Via Musicom...* (Capitol).

While these songs came off well, they did not have the deep down ugliness, the screaming feeling of a King or Vaughan tune. Johnson was at his best when he stuck to his routine and played through a blazing version of his famous "Cliffs of Dover." Bass player Roscoe Beck and drummer Brannen Temple both proved their excellent musicianship with tasteful but blatantly rocking riffs.

Last was Satriani, who followed in Vai's footsteps in letting down the audience, with more pointless doodling. The climax was "Summer Song," a work best known for its inclusion in a Sony commercial.

There were also technical problems. Instead of sharing equipment, each artist used his own set-up. As a result, the half-hour set changes were almost as long as the 45-minute sets. In the middle of a drunk, sweaty, oversold crowd, this was a night to forget.

## WRGW's Top 20 CDs

No.	Artist	Title (Label)
1.	A Tribe Called Quest	Beats, Rhymes & Life (Jive)
2.	Sublime	Sublime (Gasoline Alley)
3.	Weezer	Pinkerton (DGC)
4.	Tool	Anemia (Zoo)
5.	Descendents	Everything Sucks (Epitaph)
6.	Future Sound of London	Dead Cities (Astralwerks)
7.	The Cardigans	First Band on... (Mercury)
8.	Cake	Fashion Nugget (Capricorn)
9.	Josephine Wiggs Exp.	Bon Bon Life... (Grand Royal)
10.	The Roots	Illadelph Life (DGC)
11.	The Promise Ring	30 Degrees... (Jade Tree)
12.	The Delta 72	R & B of ... (Touch & Go)
13.	New Bomb Turks	Scared Straight (Epitaph)
14.	Sebadoh	Harmacy (Sub Pop)
15.	Bad Brains	Black Dots (Caroline)
16.	Marilyn Manson	Antichrist Superstar (Nothing)
17.	Citizen Fish	Thirst (Lookout)
18.	Super Furry Animals	Fuzzy Logic (Epic)
19.	Impossible 5	7" (Lovitt)
20.	Elysian Fields	Bleed Your Cedar (Radio Active)

for the week ending 10/25

## Hard-core Orange 9mm has high expectations to meet at 9:30 Club

BY MATT STUMPF  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Pure and simple energy. For New York City hard-core band Orange 9mm, this is both the goal and explanation of life.

At the 9:30 Club on Wednesday night, the band will try to live up to this expectation as well as it does on its recently-released album *Tragic* (Atlantic). With lead singer Chaka Malik leading the charge, Orange 9mm takes no prisoners and puts together a canvas of sounds, from the stomping to the quietly brooding (well, never that quietly).

With bursts of sonic assault and held-back sections of pure angst, the band makes abrupt stops when least expected just to keep things interesting. The title track emerges from a bouncing bass line, transforming suddenly to a rhythmic beat down, knocking the hell out of any listener's ear drums.

As guitarist Chris Traynor, bass player Taylor McLam and drummer Matthew Cross set the tone, Malik's ravings and lyrical sense come together with a sickness - yet ability - that put them at the forefront of New York hard-core.

The band, using demo tracks as the foundation for the finished project, without all the million-dollar studio finishings and extras, have put together a powerful and compelling music statement.

Each track has its own sense of musicality, from

the more accessible "Failure" to the dark "Muted." The only failure is the opening track "Fire in the Hole," a singularly uninteresting, sad attempt. Besides this, though, the album is a diamond in the rough that is hard-core, while, according to a press release, "shootin' for a vibe that was honest and new."

So go see Orange 9mm, but go to the show late. Openers at the Oct. 30 show will be Local H, whose effort *As Good as Dead* (Island) is as bad as any debut album this critic has ever heard.

The duo, guitarist/singer Scott Lucas and drummer Joe Daniels, seemingly decided to save some money by not employing a bass player, leaving the album flat, with Lucas' whining reminiscent of a baby as its teeth come in.

"Would you like me better if I was Eddie Vedder," Lucas asks on "Eddie Vedder," which, for no apparent reason, is getting a good deal of airplay. No, we wouldn't. Whichever way you listen to it - frontwards, backwards, left, right, upside-down, right-side up - this album is awful.

It is an empty, dull effort, attempting the guitar-driven sound of Nirvana, yet ending up with nothing but another worthless exercise in musical inability. Whatever.

Orange 9mm and Local H play the 9:30 Club, 815 V St., N.W., on Wednesday, Oct. 30. For tickets, visit the 9:30 box office or call Protix at (703) 218-6500. For more information, call (202) 393-0930.



## SPOTLIGHT

## Wacky campus groups fill void in diverse student body

BY ANNE MILLER  
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

GW, according to 1994 statistics, is home to approximately 420 African-American undergraduates, 600 Asian Americans and 250 Hispanic/Latino students – plus 10 “Forbidden” Planeteers, 40 Urban Art Family members and 156 University Consultants.

Such is the diversity at GW that the Office of Campus Activities boasts 59 registered student organizations, with the semester’s group registration process not even complete. Some of the specialized interest groups range from AdClub graduates to the Women’s Rugby Football Club.

Like successful businesses, the registered organizations found an empty niche on campus and filled it. This includes groups for “students who aren’t theater majors but are interested in theater,” said Forbidden Planet Productions’ co-ringleader/producer Jennifer Rellis.

Or for members of the University Consulting Group, who take advantage of the group John Cosgriff started last year to provide students in the management consulting field an opportunity to practice their future profession.

Most student groups fall into four categories – professionally motivated, like the consulting group or B-Team (billed as “a business resource center”); socially aware, like American AIDS Hike and Choice First (a pro-choice abortion group); sporting, like the cycling and sailing clubs; or just plain fun, like Hui Hawa’i o ke kula nui keoki Wakinekone. This group, which celebrates Hawaiian culture, wins “Best Organizational Name,” hands down.

And some, like the Urban Art Family and

the Shuto Society, combine a bit of all categorical aspects.

“I don’t know where that name came from,” said Shuto contact person Walter Lee, whose group practices the Wado Ryu karate style.

“But it is a karate organization, and the style we do ... means the way of peace. Self-defense is one part of it, but it’s not everything,” he said. “We concentrate more on the practical – how to live your life ... how to build character, humility.”

The Urban Art Family was founded to further urban culture at GW, said UAF patriarch Frank Mansa Jr.

“A lot of people here come from big cities, inner cities, and they walk around and they don’t appreciate the art when they see it,” Mansa explained. “I’m talking about graffiti, hip-hop, spoken word.”

UAF sponsors concerts, speakers, WRGW radio shows, performances and debates, such as the panel discussion tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13 concerning the electoral process.

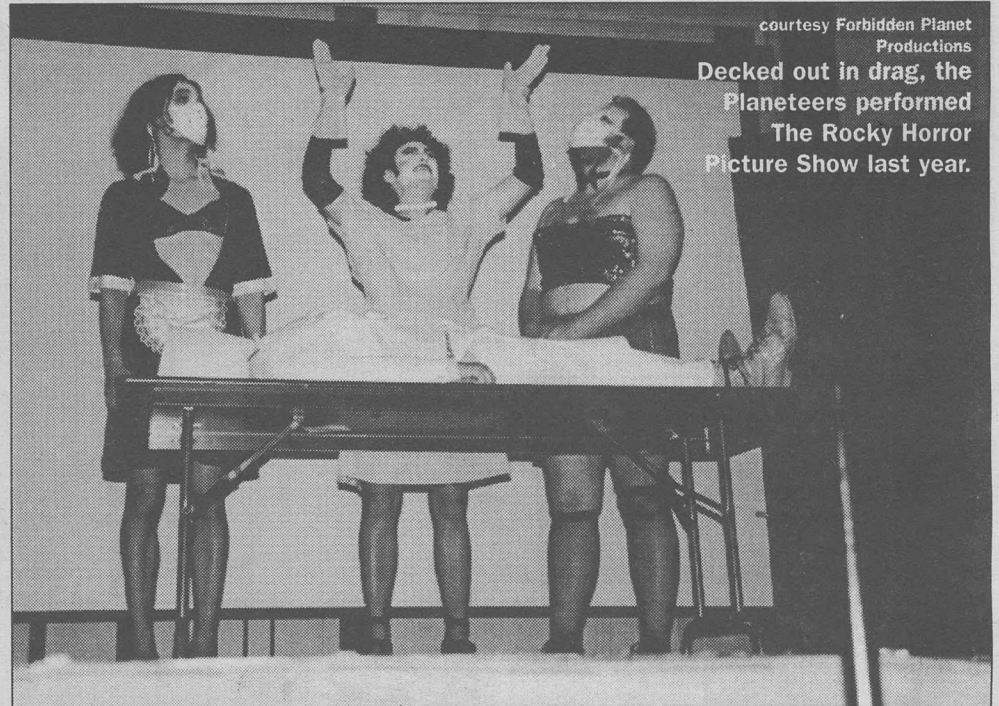
Past productions have included a day long hip-hop conference and spoken word performances in Riverside Cafe.

Begun as a performance of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, the wacky Planeteers are now working on two new one-act plays they plan to perform in Mitchell Hall next month.

“We cast everyone who auditions in a part. We like talent, but we always want to find a place for everyone,” Rellis said. “We want to bring to the GW campus something that hasn’t been done before.”

And GW has definitely not seen “Sleeping Beauty (or Coma)” or “Vampire Lesbians of Sodom” before.

Rellis said the group doesn’t have much



courtesy Forbidden Planet Productions  
Decked out in drag, the Planeteers performed *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* last year.

of a budget and costumes “sort of depend on what people have in their closets.” But she said she is looking forward to camping herself up for the mod-London style of “Sleeping Beauty” and Hollywood, circa the silent screen era, for “Vampire.”

To be a recognized student organization at GW, groups must have an advisor, a constitution signed by group members and must attend a meeting with Office of Campus Activities.

All groups also have to develop a mission statement, “providing clear information on the nature and function of the organization,”

according to OCA guidelines. For instance, Forbidden Planet Productions bills itself as “an alternate theater option for GW students” in an OCA brochure.

Groups had to register by Oct. 11 to be eligible to receive fall Student Association funds, and no dates have been set yet for next semester’s deadlines.

Groups now defunct, due to waning student interest or graduating organizers, included bizarre interests such as In Search of the Unique and the Obscure (whose members looked in thrift shops to find it) and Minnesotans and Friends.

## RALLY advocates lower drinking age, responsibility

## Syracuse University group visits GW campus to start new chapter

BY JUSTIN BERGMAN  
FEATURES EDITOR

Only one issue could possibly gain the support of 70 percent of Syracuse University’s student body. That’s right, it’s the fight to lower the legal drinking age, baby.

And now, RALLY, the student group begun a year ago at Syracuse to educate students about drinking responsibly and to lobby to lower the drinking age to 18, has come to the GW campus.

Three members of RALLY, including founder and President Devin Marks, set up an information table last Tuesday afternoon in the Marvin Center in an effort to gain student interest in starting a chapter at GW.

Marks said about 50 GW students signed up during the day. In the next few months, he said he will contact these students and try to find five or six who are most committed to establishing a RALLY chapter next fall.

“We’re hoping to expand into a national organization in the next few months,” Marks said. “And we want to move our national headquarters to D.C. in the summer.”

## RALLY’s mission

Marks said RALLY, which stands for Realistic Alcohol Laws for Legal Youth, has three main goals, only one of which is the lobby for the lower drinking age. He said the group spends more of its time trying to educate students about drinking responsibly.

Binge drinking is a problem in the United States, as compared to European countries that have lower drinking ages, because young people have always seen alcohol as a “forbidden fruit,” Marks said. They have never learned how to moderate alcohol consumption and, as a result, do dam-

age to themselves and other people and property.

“We know you’re drinking,” Marks explained. “I used to be a doorman at a bar, and we know that everyone has fake IDs – the government knows we have fake IDs – but the doorman lets you in anyway with a wink, wink, ‘Sure, you’re 21 ...’”

He said RALLY does not take a position on whether alcohol consumption in general is wrong or right. Instead, it builds from the assumption that students are always going to drink anyway, so it’s time to teach them how to do it responsibly and non-destructively.

Part of this entails lowering the drinking age, Marks said.

The age of 21 is arbitrary, Marks asserts. At 18, he explained, a person is considered old enough to vote, pay taxes, have an abortion, enter into legal contracts, work a full-time job, be a child’s legal guardian, drive, smoke and serve in the armed forces, but that person is still considered too immature to consume alcoholic beverages.

“It’s just dumb, stupid politics getting in the way of reality,” he said.

One of RALLY’s other main commitments is getting students to be more involved in the political process. Marks said he sees RALLY as a “doorway” for students to get politically involved in other issues and debates.

For example, the approximately 170 RALLY volunteers

RALLY

at Syracuse have branched out to address other political and social concerns, such as registering students to vote, revamping Syracuse’s Students Against Drunk Driving chapter and starting the first-ever student Alcoholics Anonymous group at the school.

“It shows students that the drinking age is like any other issue,” Marks said. “If they get involved and try to make a difference, they see that they can actually have an effect.”

## Expansion efforts

The trip to Washington, which also included stops at Georgetown University and the University of Maryland, was the first time the group has visited other colleges for the purpose of expansion. Marks said they chose GW and Georgetown as their first stops because the schools have highly political students, good communications departments and active campuses.

Seventeen other colleges and universities have contacted Marks in order to start RALLY chapters at their respective schools. He said the group is now trying to respond to most of them, while they have the momentum going.

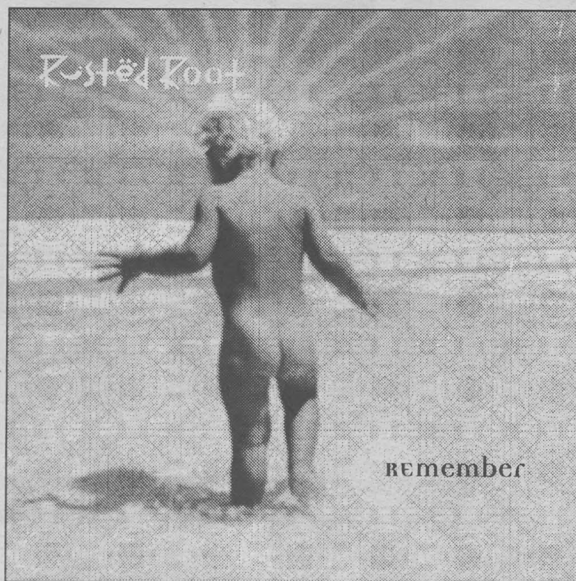
“There’s no doubt in my mind that it’s going national,” he said optimistically. He added that the only way to change the drinking age law is to have a concerted effort throughout the country, with a national headquarters and the necessary funds.

Unfortunately, Marks may not be around himself to see that happen. The senior graduates in December, and if RALLY doesn’t find funding through grants or contributions, then he may have to leave in order to find a paying job.

Although the student group receives about \$47,000 a year from the Syracuse student government, he said he is using his own money right now to pay for informational flyers and these expansion trips.



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# Games heighten awareness

**ParaRelays are rich with competition and understanding**

BY NICOLE SPEULDA  
HATCHET REPORTER

Students competed in wheelchair races and sitting volleyball as part of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity's 1996 ParaRelays in front of the Quad Saturday as part of Disability Awareness Week.

Senior Sarah Reinertsen, who won a gold medal in the Barcelona Paralympics in 1992 and holds the world record in both the 100- and 200-meter above the knee amputee races, chatted with participants.

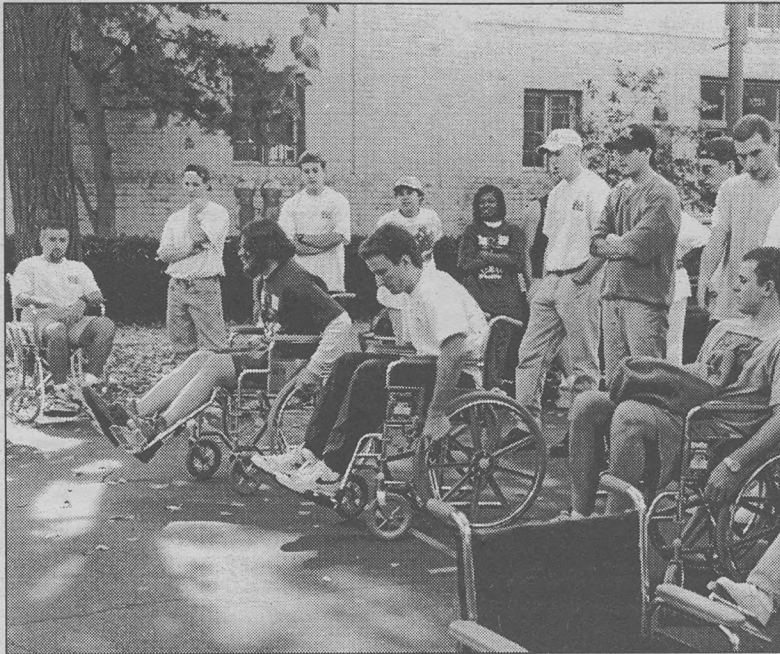
Christy Willis, director of Disability Support Services on campus, spoke to begin the events, thanking the sponsors and those in attendance for promoting such a positive atmosphere for disability awareness.

Suzanne Richard, "Ms. Wheelchair Maryland," then talked to students about "approaching people with less assumptions."

Richard said she became interested in the Ms. Wheelchair pageant because she had never heard that such a title existed and wanted to make it more well-known. She added with a smile that she could "wear a tiara and sash, too."

John Hammond, an organizer of this year's event, said he got involved "to help disabled population awareness and to have fun." In past years, Theta Delta Chi has put on similar events that help promote a positive attitude toward those with disabilities through hands-on competition, he explained.

The afternoon's events were



Claire Duggan/Photo Editor

**Members of the GW community raced for disability awareness and understanding this weekend during the ParaRelays held on H Street.**

sponsored by the Student Association, Disability Support Services, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Association, the Residence Hall Association and Disabled Sports U.S.A.

Paralympics, which inspired the events at GW, have been held to correspond with the Olympics since the Rome games in 1960.

While the title allows her to speak to the public, Richard said her title allows her gain exposure while

helping her "build bridges to the disabled community."

She is also an actress with the Baltimore Shakespeare Festival, a children's theater, and has founded her own company, using her outgoing nature to reach others.

Jamie Kendall, a friend of Richard's, said that "it is excellent to have Suzie serving in this capacity because disabled people are badly perceived." She added that Richard is a role model since she has a disability and "she has a life."

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# Hospital merger may save GW jobs

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Tenet Healthcare runs hospitals affiliated with Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., Louisiana State University and the University of Southern California, where the corporation built a new hospital, according to Keith Pitts, executive vice president and chief financial officer of OrNda HealthCorp.

As of April, Tenet reportedly brought in \$5 billion in revenues

and owned 75 hospitals from California to Florida, ranking behind only Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.

In 1993, Tenet was charged with malpractice and fraudulent billing and paid out more than a half-billion dollars to the government, insurance companies and patients as settlement.

Weingold said GW had gone "over a thorough review" of the backgrounds of all their potential partners, but were "encouraged" and had "a lot of trust" in these partners.

Others were aggressive, and the University had a high level of discomfort with them, Weingold said.

The decision still must be approved by District authorities.

"Our hope is that the local leadership and the citizens will embrace and support this proposed partnership. It will expand the city's tax base," Trachtenberg said.

"I've been worrying about the hospital nonstop for nine years since I came to GW. We look with optimism to the future and more over to a facility here in Foggy

Bottom ... a facility with the George Washington name," Trachtenberg added.

"Most likely the tax status will change. The hospital itself will go on the tax rolls," Pitts said.

Financial terms are yet to be finalized, and it is expected to take between 60 and 90 days for the details to be ironed out by lawyers from GW and OrNda.

The GW Health Plan is not affected by the proposed agreement.

—Jared Sher contributed to this report.

## Students, employees question future at GW Hospital

(from p. 1)

said they still aren't getting enough information about the plans for the future.

"We're all trying to keep an eye on things," said one senior secretary who has been at the hospital for nine years. "We're just doing things day by day. You still don't know what to expect. Most people are living on pins and needles."

The proposal did put to end months of speculation about the future, however. Byrnes said the long negotiations let employees' imaginations run wild about the potential outcomes.

"In difficult times, one begins to think of all sorts of possibilities," he said.

GW students also were relieved to hear the news. Che Shih, an undergraduate in the integrated bachelor of arts/medical doctorate program, will complete medical school and get his bachelor's degree in seven years instead of eight. He was admitted to the University with a guarantee of admission to medical school at GW.

"It's a good idea to take the business end out of the school's hands as long as it doesn't interfere with the quality of care," he said.

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# Rape sets Koestner's life on new course

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sleep while Koestner stayed awake the entire night.

The following morning, Peter apologized and told Koestner to get some sleep. As she was drifting off, she became aware of Peter kissing her neck. She said that despite telling him "no" more than a dozen times, Peter raped her.

"I know you might wonder if I kicked, screamed, fought him off," Koestner said. "I bit a hole in my mouth that left a scar ... I never kicked him once because I thought if I kept my legs straight I could deter him."

Two days after the rape, Koestner was taken to the health center, where the nurse gave her sleeping pills and said she would feel better in the morning. The district attorney declined to press charges because there was only a slight chance of conviction, and he "didn't take cases like (Koestner's)."

Peter was found guilty by the university's judicial review board, and the dean ordered him to stay away from her dorm.

Then Koestner said the dean told her it would be nice if she and Peter could overcome their "tiff." Her parents kicked her out of the house and called her "damaged goods."

Date rape is an issue both men and women must address, Koestner said.

"I don't know if anyone's told you that 84 percent of the time" the survivor knows the rapist, she said. One out of four women and one out of eight men will be raped, Koestner said. Of those rapes, one in 10 will be reported, or one in 20 if the survivor is male. Of the one in 100 rapes prosecuted, one in 1,000 will result in a conviction. Every 24 hours a rape occurs on a college campus, she said, and 90 percent of date rapes involve alcohol.

Koestner said men and women must take a proactive role to prevent rape. Men must stop sexist behavior in other men and voice their displeasure at jokes or comments that degrade women, she said. Koestner warned men about gaining consent by coercion, because it is considered force along with threats, intimidation and physical force.

"The best consent I know of is freely given and verbal," Koestner said.

Women must "stand up for yourselves and be strong everyday," Koestner said. "You'll have to decide what you'll take and what you won't," she said.

Koestner said she hopes the attention she brings to rape will make a difference.

"I want a day when I can walk down the street and not be afraid of being raped," she said. "I want a night when I can invite a man to my room and not have sex."

Following Koestner's presentation, a panel composed of members of University Police, the D.C. Rape Crisis Center, the University Counseling Center and D.C. Men Against Rape answered student questions.

A brief verbal altercation erupted when members of Womyn's Issues Now accused University officials of not caring about sexual assault on campus. Members of the student group said that UPD reports of no rapes on campus are untrue.

A UPD officer explained that UPD can only include crimes that have been reported directly to the department. The University Counseling Center was also accused of blaming survivors for the attack and discouraging them to report such incidents, which a Counseling Center representative denied.

## GW Bookstore rocks the vote with polls

The GW Bookstore and MTV's Rock the Vote, in cooperation with 500 other schools nationwide, hosted their second presidential pre-election poll on Oct. 21. The results of the poll, designed to generate student interest in the elections, will be posted by Oct. 30.

The ballots asked students to indicate the presidential candidate of their choice as well as the top three campaign issues that would influence their vote in the Nov. 5 elections. The issues ranged from record, character and debate performance to abortion, crime and foreign policy.

Student Dan Drum, who said he will vote for President Clinton, said, "The future job market, the economic situation, trying to restore some ... order to the education system ... that's important."

When asked who they would be voting for, the majority of students interviewed said they would vote for Clinton. Even some in Robert J. Dole's camp said Clinton would be re-elected. Freshman Sandra Fernandes said, "Unfortunately, the way the polls are headed, Clinton will win."

-Kathryn Maese

## Do This! October 28-November 3

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## MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

AIESEC-GW, General Meeting. Marvin Center 402, 8:30 PM. Info? Contact Suzanne 994-4885.

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, Special Lecture. Stuart Hall 103, 4:15-5:30 PM. Info? Call Ilona 994-0562.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

GW SAILING CLUB, Information Meeting. Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM.

STUDY ABROAD, "Second Step" Advising Session. 2:30 PM.  
General Information Session, 3:00 PM. Stuart Hall 104.  
Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

PROGRAM BOARD, Mock Election, Marvin Center Ballroom, 8:00 PM. Info? call "Q" at 994-7313.

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session: American Management Systems, Marvin Center 413 & 414, 6:00-7:00 PM. Info? Contact Karen at 994-6495.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Call Alissa at 994-1649.

CAREER CENTER, Cooperative Education Orientation. Academic Center T-509, 5:00-6:00 PM. Info? Contact Jon at 994-6495.

EMES, Rabbi Teitelbaum's Class, GW Hillel, 2300 H Street, 7:45 PM. Info? Contact Mathew at 994-9527.

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series, "Getting Organized," 2033 K Street, Suite 330, 4:10-5:30 PM. Info? Contact Anne at 994-5300.

ELLIOT SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ESIA Brown Bag Lunch. Stuart Hall Commons Room, Noon. Info? Call 994-6435.

BLACK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, General Body Meeting. Marvin Center 407, 7:30 PM. Info? call James at 301-599-8945.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL ALLIANCE, Weekly Meeting. Marvin Center 411, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Sally at 676-2303.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT, University Symphonic Band Fall Concert. Lisner Auditorium, 7:00 PM. Info? call Jessica at 994-6245.

CAREER CENTER, Employer Information Session. Marvin Center 410, 7:00-9:00 PM. Cooperative Education Orientation, 6:00-7:00 PM. Academic Center T-509. Info? Contact Karen or Jon at 994-6495.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 103, 2:00-3:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

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## SPORTS

## Hope is alive for GW after scoring binge

BY DAVE MANN  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

With its season on the line, the GW men's soccer team opened the flood gates over the weekend, erupting for 13 goals in Atlantic-10 Conference wins over Temple and St. Joseph's.

A loss in either match would have eliminated any hope that the Colonials could finish in the top four of the A-10 and qualify for the conference tournament.

The team did not fold under the pressure, however, and is unbeaten in its last six games. GW has now won four in a row to at least have a chance at making the A-10 tournament.

"It's out of our hands," senior Matt Ferry said of the team's chances. "The right people have to lose and the right people have to win for us to have a shot."

### GW 6, St. Joseph's 1

The Colonials scored early and often in their 6-1 rout of St. Joe's Sunday at South Riding Field.

Ferry opened the scoring in the 15th minute, heading in a feed from his brother Ben from nine yards out. It became 2-0 in the 19th minute, when senior Ali Mesbahi netted his first goal of the season from 20 yards out. Four minutes later Matt Ferry tallied his second goal.

The second half also belonged to GW as Omar Sigtryggsson scored in the 78th and 82nd minutes for a



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

**Ricky Reid and his Colonial teammates put on a display of offensive pyrotechnics in 7-4 and 6-1 wins over the weekend.**

5-1 Colonial lead. The junior transfer from Richmond had five goals over the weekend.

Senior Ricky Reid closed the scoring on a penalty kick in the 84th minute.

### GW 7, Temple 4

GW used overtime goals from Sigtryggsson, Ben Ferry and Andy Drykerman in a 7-4 triumph over Temple Friday.

Drykerman and Sigtryggsson had three goals each for the Colonials, who rained 31 shots on goal. The Owls, however, managed a pair of second half goals from Shawn Vogel to force overtime.

Ferry broke the 4-4 tie seven minutes into the first overtime, scoring off a penalty shot for the game winner.

"That game had no business going to overtime," Ferry said. "I think mental lapses hurt us."

Sigtryggsson and Drykerman scored a minute apart in the first ten minutes of the game, giving the Colonials an early 2-0 lead. Sigtryggsson scored again in the 21st minute, but Temple stayed close thanks to Vogel, and GW held a 3-2 lead at the half.

Drykerman scored his second goal early in the second half for a 4-2 Colonial lead.

## Volleyball takes two at home

### Colonial Women still have chance for postseason play

BY ADAM WILLIS  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The Colonial Women took two of the weekend's three home matches, dispatching Fordham and La Salle in straight sets Friday.

Temple's ability to win the crucial points was the difference in the Lady Owls' four-game victory over GW Saturday night.

Even with the defeat, senior captain Kate Haubenreich remained optimistic about her team's chances to earn one of four spots in the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament. "The (A-10) tournament's right there," she said, "and I think we're going to get there."

GW's 2-1 record this weekend left them 10-14, 7-6 A-10.

### Temple 3, GW 1

The Colonial Women came into Saturday night's match with Temple riding a modest winning streak and knowing that a win, coupled with losses by Xavier and Temple on Saturday, would put them back in the hunt for one of the four spots in the A-10 tournament.

Despite a few lapses, GW put together one of its best efforts the season.

It wasn't enough, however, as Temple got the crucial points in the match's third and fourth games and

left the Colonial Women stunned in the wake of a 15-10, 9-15, 16-14, 16-14 defeat.

"I couldn't think of anything to say," head coach Susie Homan said of her post-game huddle with the players. "I think that I have to come up with some things because (the players) are doing what I'm asking them to do."

Haubenreich said the loss was a tough one to take. "I just really thought that if we jumped out on (Temple), then that would be a really good win for us," she said.

After dropping the first game, the Colonial Women appeared ready to take the match over. Strong net play and solid passing erased an 8-4 Temple lead in the second game and carried GW to victory in game 2. After falling behind 10-4 in the third, more solid net play earned the Colonial Women the next eight points and a 12-10 lead. GW won the race to 14 and had two game-point opportunities before Temple scored four straight to end the game.

The fourth game was a close fight throughout, with neither team gaining more than a two-point lead. The Colonial Women ultimately tied the score at 14-14 before Temple put the match away on its fourth match point.

Theresa Ridder's 16 kills led GW, and she also put in a strong defensive effort, finishing with 12 digs

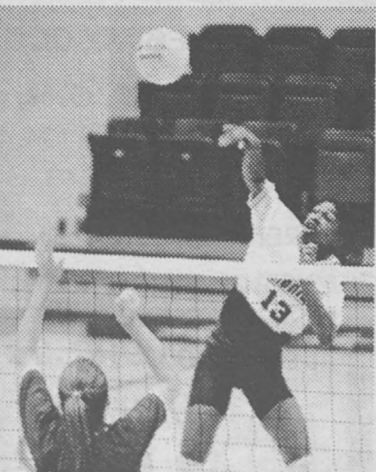
and five block-assists. Crystal Akens added 14 kills and 13 digs.

GW 3, Fordham 0  
GW 3, La Salle 0

The Colonial Women got a twin killing Saturday over Fordham and La Salle. After giving GW a scare in the matches' first games, these two A-10 doormats fell by identical scores of 16-14, 15-2, 15-3.

Anna Krimmel's solid all-around performance against La Salle led GW as she notched a team-high eight kills in addition to her match-high five block-assists.

Ridder also starred in the



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## New coach's success leads GW in tourney

BY JAMIE LIN AND  
BEN OSBORNE  
HATCHET SPORTS WRITERS

Sun, sand and the surf were exactly what the GW water polo team needed after the chaos that has surrounded the team's coaching situation.

After spending a week in southern California with a new coach, the GW water polo team headed home with a 4-2 record on its road trip.

The team's goal before it left was to not get counterattacked and too win at least 80 percent of their games at the Baldy View Tournament in Pomona, Calif.

"We did just that and had fun doing it," GW head coach Trevor Rodin said.

Rodin's presence is in fact just as big of a story as the team's performance in the pool. Rodin officially became the head coach on Friday, replacing Andy Turnage, who has resigned.

Turnage was suspended prior to the team's Oct. 12 matches at the Smith Center, starting a process of meetings and deliberations by both the school and the coach. No officials would speak on the record about his suspension.

Turnage was unavailable for comment over the weekend, and Athletic Director Jack Kvancz said only that "coach Turnage voluntarily resigned and the University accepted his resignation."

Rodin, who played for GW under Turnage last year, will coach the team throughout the season, which ends Nov. 10 at the Eastern Championships in Boston.

Kvancz said that if the team performs well, Rodin could be brought back as the coach next year.

Rodin, who will receive his undergraduate degree from the University in December, is amazed by the recent turn of events. "Never in my wildest dreams did I expect this to happen," he said. "I hadn't really planned on being a water polo coach for long, but if they offered me the chance to coach next year, I would take it."

Rodin said he knew nothing about the circumstances behind Turnage's resignation.

If the team's performance in California is any indication, it has been able to cope with the coaching change well. "They've made a great transition from Andy to myself. They've grown up a lot, and their talent has allowed them to overcome adversity," Rodin said.

While in Pomona, the Colonials lost just once while coming away with victories against the University of Redlands, Whittier College, Loyola Marymount University and Pomona Pitzer.

Along with the usual outstanding play by team captains Brent Stoll and Peter Clifford, freshmen Doug Maitz and Tony Paster had strong performances.

According to Rodin, the only major difference between playing on the east and west coasts is that "the guys there are a lot bigger and faster."

Playing in California was good practice for the start of the Collegiate Water Polo Association Southern Playoffs this weekend.

The pool in California was 30 meters long and deep throughout, identical dimensions to the Naval Academy pool in Annapolis, Md., where the playoffs will take place. "California was a precursor to this weekend, a good tuneup for us," Rodin said.

## Women's soccer blasts 40 shots in tie with Fordham

BY BEN OSBORNE  
SPORTS EDITOR

Riding a six-game unbeaten streak, the GW women's soccer team headed to the Bronx Saturday for what should have been an easy win over Fordham.

Instead, the Colonial Women came away with a frustrating 1-1 tie and a 9-4-3 record.

GW got off a remarkable 40 shots on goal, yet still needed a goal by Katy McQuillin in the second overtime to preserve a 1-1 tie. Head coach Shannon Higgins-Cirovski said she had the better team.

"It wasn't even a game," she said of her team's dominance. "We just had one of those days where we could not convert."

McQuillin, a freshman, scored her goal on her ninth shot of the game. She was assisted by junior Chemar Smith.

GW did allow the Lady Rams to get 20 shots on goal throughout the scoreless regulation period and in overtime, but goalkeeper Traci Jensen made the plays all

day, collecting nine saves.

Higgins-Cirovski said there were a few reasons behind GW's struggles beyond just having a hard time putting the ball in the net. "For one thing, the field was the worst I've ever played on," she said, adding that it was much worse than Francis Field, a sub-par facility where GW used to play its home games.

"The officiating was also poor. There were two takedowns in the box and a handball that could have all led to penalty kicks," Higgins-Cirovski said.

Despite the unexpected struggle, the tie did not kill GW's postseason dreams. Higgins-Cirovski said that ties are usually forgiven by the NCAA selection committee. Whether the Colonial Women advance to the NCAA Tournament depends in large part on how they do in their last three regular season games, she added.

The games, at Delaware Tuesday and against Northwestern and Wisconsin in a tournament in Kentucky Nov. 1-3, are "must wins," Higgins-Cirovski said.



# SPORTS

## New golfer adds spice to Colonials

BY DAVE ADLER  
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

Junior college transfer Luis Barrutieta is yet another foreign-born athlete at GW to have tremendous success. Barrutieta, a junior, along with senior Rob Duva, has led the Colonial golf team to one of its best fall seasons in recent memory.

Barrutieta was born in San Sebastian, Spain, where he began playing golf when he was nine. A civil and environmental engineering major, he came to GW from Saddleback (Ca.) College, where he helped the team win a California state junior college championship.

While working at a Stanford University golf camp, Barrutieta met former GW golfer Jeremy Rohen. Rohen told Luis about GW and helped him make the decision to transfer. After some telephone conversations with Colonial head coach Scott Allen, Barrutieta made the move to Washington without ever visiting the school.

Barrutieta said the wealth of international athletes at GW had no effect on his decision to attend GW. However, he did say the large contingent of international students at GW made the move easier.

More important in his decision to transfer was "the scholarship opportunities and the fact that GW is a good school," Barrutieta said. He added that there was "something about D.C. that drew me to GW."

Barrutieta offered his views as to why international student-athletes are coming to American colleges in greater numbers.

"There are no collegiate sports in Europe. America is the only place I know where I can go to college and play sports at the same time. Here I also have a chance to further my academics by getting scholarships," Barrutieta said.

As for the fall season on the links, Barrutieta, like Allen, has mixed feelings. Prior to leaving for two tournaments last Friday, Barrutieta said some players are not playing as well as they could be playing. However, he does not expect any drastic alterations during the spring season unless the team makes some changes.

Barrutieta, who finished fifth in GW's most recent tournament at the East Coast Athletic Conference championship in Rehoboth, Del., said "we need to

revise our practice format. We need to work more on our short game from 100 yards out through the hole."

He added that "coach should be more firm with us. He should demand more out of us."

He said the good relationship between Allen and the team, particularly the open communication, makes improvement possible.

"A team has to be connected with themselves and the coach to be successful," Barrutieta said.

Barrutieta considers the strength of his game to be his short to medium iron shots, which are between 60-170 yards from the pin. He openly admits that his weakness, as with most golfers, is his game on the green. Particularly, he said he needs to improve his longer putts, which will eliminate three putts and consistently improve his scores.

Barrutieta, with some improvement, will make an attempt at playing professional golf in the future. "I definitely want to try," said the confident, yet realistic junior. "I want to play and work around the game. I will try to teach the game," he added.

Barrutieta said he owes a lot of his playing ability to Spanish golf professional and friend Jose Maria Olazabal. "Before his foot injury, we played and practiced together at our home course in Spain. I also went to him for playing advice," Barrutieta said.

Look for Barrutieta to continue his solid play this spring, particularly on the tougher courses. Allen and Barrutieta agree that the tougher courses lend themselves to better scoring because he is a smart player who does not try to do too much.

This was evident earlier this season at the Bethpage Black Course in Long Island, a traditionally tough course. Barrutieta overcame a poor showing on Saturday, when he shot 80, with a 74 on Sunday that tied him with GW teammate Duva for 17th place in the individual competition.

He said spending more time with the coach and other players should lead to overall team improvement in the spring. "We are on the right track, but we could do so much better."

This sentiment, echoed by Allen, has typified Colonial fall golf. Whether it will typify spring golf is not up to Barrutieta and Duva, who have played consistently so far. Instead it will fall on the shoulders of the other three starters, namely senior Mark Gandee and sophomore Brandon Hanson.

### The Skinny

## Down 2-0 and headed south? There was still never a doubt

Last Sunday, The Hatchet office was buzzing, which is pretty much the norm for a Sunday afternoon. Stories were coming in. Pages were being designed. The D.C. United soccer game droned on in the background.

But something was different about the level of excitement at The Hatchet last Sunday. The World Series was to begin that night. My esteemed colleague, Ben Osborne, a.k.a. "The Wizard," wrote a column, saying the Yankees would win in six games over the Atlanta Braves. This certainly was a gutsy thing to say.

The Braves had everything. They had pitching that was to die for. Their hitters could compete with anyone in the league. Perhaps their biggest asset was that most of them were cagey World Series veterans. The Braves had been to the Fall Classic before. The Braves were the world champions.

Atlanta took the first two games, both at Yankee Stadium, by a combined score of 16-1. Ben went to Safeway and bought all the salt they had. After all, he wanted his foot to have some flavor when he put it in his mouth.

But then something magical happened during the next four games. The Yankees, who don't have anyone who can statistically compare with the likes of Maddux, Smoltz and McGriff, played the most inspired four games of baseball I have ever witnessed.

Many have made note of how

the Yankees probably don't have a future Hall of Famer on their roster. But that fact simply does not matter when everyone on the team steps up. They didn't have a player who carried the team by himself. It may be a cliché, but the Yankees played those four games like a well-oiled machine. All the parts were clicking in perfect harmony, each with an equal role.

Look at Jim Leyritz and his dramatic three-run bomb in game 4. Look at Andy Pettitte, who got shelled in game 1 but came back to pitch a gem in game 5. Look at Graeme Lloyd, who pitched eight shutout innings in middle relief and knocked out every Atlanta rally he faced. These guys aren't superstars, they're just solid.

While the Yankees were achieving perfect harmony with themselves, the world champion Braves played those final four games like a third-rate minor league squad. How could a team be so dominant in two games and then proceed to make mental error after mental error in the rest? They were even playing their final games at their home stadium, which is soon to be torn down!

So the Yankees are world champions not by having the best players, but by putting together the best team. It is the way it should be.

And tonight, Ben, who now truly is "The Wizard," will be eating the feast of victory, and not the foot of humiliation.

-Matt Bonesteel

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